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ENTERTAINMENT

A Letter from our President Bill McFadden



Paul Vegors and Don Scobie

Our entertainment for November - Don Scobie, our Caledonian and St. Andrew's piper will present our November Entertainment, 7:30 PM, Friday, November 14th. Along with two young pipers, Don Scobie, will present the history, the parts and playing of the pipes. It will include the idioms of the pipes: marches, dance music, airs, jigs, and opportunity to hear illustrative pieces. You will learn how the pipes work: Blowing, Bag pressure, Drones, Chanter, Reeds. This is a wonderful opportunity to gain an understanding about this instrument so much a part of our Scottish Heritage.

NEXT GATHERING

NOVEMBER 14TH

SET-UP - 6:30 PM

DINNER - 7:00 PM

BUSINESS MEETING - 7:30 PM

ENTERTAINMENT - 8:00 PM

The first gathering this October was a wonderful way to kick off our 2008-09 year. There were over 75 in attendance. The potluck dinner was heartily enjoyed by all. Thank you to all who brought dishes.

Susan Walker, our very able secretary, was busy handing out our new membership directory. Diana Smith kept busy taking reservations for the SSHG Heather Tartan Ball. As usual, Christine Castro and Allan Patten very successfully managed the raffle table. Shelley Buchart, Bonnie Monro, and Diane McAlister, with help from many others, organized and set the buffet table. I'm sure I've missed others who helped set up and clean up—to all, thank you very much. We cannot hold these gatherings without the help of all of us.

Special thanks to our social director/chaplain, Bob Nicholson, for all his hard work to fill the seats and arrange for the guest entertainment, Geordies Byre. The enthusiastic response from all showed how much we all enjoyed their performance. Bob also introduced and has taken under his wing our newest member, Scottish exchange teacher, Ms Heather Inglis. By the end of the meeting, not only was she well ensconced in our society, but Bob has her booked to give a talk at one of our next gatherings—and also taking pictures for the Heather Bell. Way to go, Bob! And, a special welcome to our wee bit o' Scotland here in Seattle! We will be looking forward to getting to know you better, hearing your presentation, and seeing your photos.

Finally, I would like to say that Harry McAlister has been working very hard for the Board and producing our Scottish Musical Evening for St. Andrew's on November 23rd. The Kirkin' of the Tartan church services originally planned for that Sunday has had to be rescheduled until January 2009. The Lake City Presbyterian Church has a month-long outreach program scheduled that includes that Sunday, and all

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HERITAGE 10 PROGRAM

We are reviving the Heritage 10 Program. Representatives from local Scottish organizations are being invited to give presentations so that our Members have a better understanding of 'Who's Who' in the Scottish Community and what it is they do.

The first presentation will be at our November Gathering. Mr. Gordon Chisholm will describe his activities within Clan Chisholm and what led him to this involvement. Please refer to the Clan Chisholm article in this issue. Other speakers, at later dates, will discuss Tartan Day, Highland Dancing and similar topics. The presentations will be about 10 minutes in length with a few more minutes for Answers, if there are Questions.

A SHORT HISTORY OF CLAN CHISHOLM

by Gordon Chisholm

Early references to the name Chisholm start about 1100-1200 and progress from Roxburghshire to the Highlands north of the Great Glen. Clan holdings included Glens Affric, Cannich, Strathfarrar and parts of Glen Urquhart. Erchless was our greatest Castle but is no longer open to the public.

Andrew Francis Hamish Chisholm of Chisholm is the 33rd Chief of the Clan. He is 52, a small farmer and contractor in northern England. His father, Alastair, 32nd Chief, and his great aunt, Miss Mairi Chisholm of Chisholm, co-founded our Clan Society in 1951. The Society has various projects and collects Chisholm memorabilia.

We collect genealogical information and have a worldwide accessible database. Our DNA project had some surprising results. Some Clansmen show a Sardinian connection! My own DNA has Celtic and Pictish origins and may predate the name Chisholm in the Highlands.

I promote my Clan and its history and encourage others to learn about their heritage and share family stories. The Clan Society collects ex-patria histories to publish in our Journal and Branch newsletters. I recruit new members to help man the Clan tent at Games and participate in a variety of Scottish community activities.

I ask the Caledonians to "pass the word" that we exist (MD_Chiz@hotmail.com 253-922-5719). There are lots of worthy projects, not only within my Clan, but the Scottish community-at-large.

A Letter from the Editor Diana Smith

Letter from the Editor: This issue introduces a new feature – a clan focus. We plan to focus on a different clan each month, beginning with the Clan Chisholm. Also, from time to time, I would like to do an extended article on some feature of Scotland. This month, I chose to look at the Scottish terrier, as a representative dog breed from Scotland.

I was very pleased last month with the turnout for our gathering. Geordie's Byre was a big hit; they are such a delightful musical group. They came all the way from Vashon to entertain us.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend our Scottish Musical Evening on November 22nd. We will have some outstanding entertainment and we will, of course, have a lovely tea. Remember, if you buy your tickets in advance, you will be assured of getting in (last year we had standing room only). Tickets are also less expensive than if you buy them at the door. Susan Walker is in charge of tickets.

See you all on the 14th!
Diana

TEA Bonnie and Diane want to thank all those who contributed to the potluck October gathering we had this past month. We had a veritable treasure trove of goodies from all those who attended. Thank you! Thanks to Shelley Butchart who worked very hard to keep the meal time well organized in the kitchen!! And to Bonnie Munro who decorated the food and 'dining' tables. Most festive!

Thank you, as well, to those who have volunteered to provide 'tea' for our November gathering: Annette Mentzer and Denise Chitwood. Hopefully, we'll have another volunteer prior to going to press. Thanks, too to those who have volunteered to provide tea for what we hope will be a good gathering of folks at the November Musical Evening (Nov 22nd): Jan Alexander, Laura Hammond, Phil Howard, Victoria Johnson, Susie Kinghorn, Diane McAlister, Margaret Russell, Diana Smith and Joyce Stevenson. We now have a great set of 'care instructions' as developed by Shelley Butchart which will give folks a better idea about what one needs to do when volunteering as a tea provider. Thanks, Shelley ... thanks to ALL who make these gatherings not only special but very tasty!

RAFFLE Thank you to Bonnie Munro for many baskets; to Phil and Cora Howard for cloth napkins and a tablecloth; to Kim Cambern for ladies' soaps; to Joyce Stevenson for the pumpkin decoration. And thank you to all others who donated, whose names I don't have.

A SCOTTISH MUSICAL EVENING FOR ST. ANDREW

A Scottish Musical Evening is being held at the Lake City Presbyterian Church Hall on Saturday, November 22nd, 7:00 pm. This is our Society's mark of respect for St Andrew, Scotland's Patron Saint (whose 'Day' is November 30th), as well as a very enjoyable evening!

Last year's Concert was well received. We are lucky to have so many gifted artists and musicians in our area.

We expect this year's show to match last year's in excellence of performance with Pipers Creek, the Northwest Junior Pipe Band, Marian Webb Dancers, our own Bill Clarke, piano virtuoso, The McKassons and Tea and Goodies at Intermission. You are cordially invited to attend (and bring others, if you can). Bringing Family or Friends can be a great way to introduce them to the Society.

Reserved seating is less expensive than payment at the door. We therefore recommend that you contact Susan Walker (425 387 2011 or susanw12@hotmail.com) and make your seating arrangements soon.



Geordie's Byre at the October Gathering.

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of December is scheduled with Advent activities. This works out well, as now we can have our Kirkin' in conjunction with a Robert Burns celebration.

The Scottish community here in the Pacific Northwest is very active in the fall and winter, so please stay tuned for news about upcoming events. Enjoy and support them as best you can.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at our November gathering.

Yours, aye,
Bill

THE TOWN I CAME FROM IN SCOTLAND

by Margaret Russell

WEST CALDER is an old market town in the County of west Lothian, mid-way between Edinburgh and Glasgow, but not on the main motor way. It has a population of about 8000. The old village of West Calder, a farming community, was a "Kirk" (church) village - it was built around the Kirk. Its only claim to fame is that about 1868 it became, with other neighboring villages, a little boom town for shale oil, for, it was in this district in the mid 19th century that James Young, son of a Glasgow carpenter pioneered the processing of oil from shale, which was abundant in this district. It was here that the Scottish oil boom began, and lasted for 100 years. The success of this kind of oil was due to the fact that, up till then, lamp oil, lubricants and waxes were drawn largely from animal and vegetable sources. Even the development of oil in America and Russia did not succeed in extinguishing the Scottish industry. James Young became known as "Paraffin Young". Oil works sprang up all around the neighborhood and the emergence of what we called "binges" grew daily into little mountains consisting of spent shale. They became familiar landmarks and some of them even had names like "The Five Sisters." So, in my growing up years, West Calder was a busy little village. It has one main street, with the rest of the village spread out behind it. Beyond that are the braes and the moors where it is bonnie in the summer but can be wild in the winter. Main street is the focal point of the village. It starts at one end with the cemetery, where there are some very old tomb stones, and where as children we used to enjoy reading the tomb epitaphs. At the other end of Main Street - about a mile, is the Library - in front of which stands a memorial to West Calder boys who fell in World Wars I and II.

In about 1962 the shale in the district gradually became spent, and the last of the shale oil works were finally abandoned. The first chapter of the history of the modern oil industries was closed. Many lost their jobs but were absolved in modern industries, like car making, etc. West Calder reverted to a market town again - and with the discovery that the shale could be used as foundations for roads and housing, the binges that were landmarks were gradually removed.

West Calder is still a friendly little village, where everyone knows everyone else. Walk down Main street any day and you will hear the latest gossip - who got married, who had a baby, and who died - as news quickly spreads. When I go home there, I feel like I have never been away. I always get a friendly greeting. I lived there until I got married. Then I moved to Edinburgh - but that's another story.

NEW MEMBER INTERVIEW

SHARON MCBRIDE RITELIS

This month's interview is with Sharon McBride Ritelis, the President of the Seattle Scottish Highland Games Association, and a Caledonian member since 2003.

What is your connection to Scotland?

My maternal great-grandparents immigrated to Calgary, Alberta from Scotland (my great-grandmother from Dunfermline and my great-grandfather (Lumsden) from Edinburgh) in 1905. My great-grandmother's 4 brothers were all soccer players with the twin brothers Sandy and William playing for Glasgow Celtic, until they were suspended by the Scottish F.A. in 1904. They then emigrated to Canada. My paternal side family tree has been traced back to a James McBride born in 1797, Virginia but so far we haven't figured out if his parents emigrated from Scotland or Ireland. My mother had a penpal in Edinburgh growing up who was a distant relative of my great-grandmother's. She sent over a kilt for me and I guess the rest was history.

Tell us about the SSGHA?

My mother has been on the Board of Trustees for over 40 years... myself and my 5 brothers were volunteered as competition runners from a very young age. Some of my brothers danced, most of us played pipes and a few of us played drums. But all of us have competed at our Games over the years. I have been president of the SSHGA for 21 years now and my brothers Gregg, Stephen and Matt chair committees at the Games and my brother John plays pipes at the Saltaire, Opening Ceremonies and Church service for the Games. The Games are a huge undertaking with all of us volunteers spending thousands of hours to make that one short weekend be the best that it can be. We are always looking for more volunteers to join us!

Have you been to Scotland?

I have been to Scotland twice. Once in 1999 and again in 2005. In 1999 just my husband, Reinis, and I went, spending two weeks touring through Scotland and one week in Devon staying with a friend. In 2005 my mother and her friend Don came with us. We visited a friend in Northern Ireland for a week, toured Scotland for almost three weeks hitting festivals, ceilidhs and musical events at numerous stops. We also spent a few days in London and a week in Latvia where my husband was born. We had a great time and I look forward to returning in the not too distant future.



What tartan do you wear?

I wear both a dress MacDonald and MacDonald of the Isles kilt as my maiden name, McBride, is a sept of the MacDonald Clan. I also have a Lumsden skirt and a Forbes tartan sash through my maternal side of the family.

What do you do for a living?

I retired from QWEST Communications in 2003 with 30 years of service. I have had realtors license for 12 years. And I spend a lot of hours working on SSHGA business throughout the year.

Have you traveled?

We travel up and down the west coast a lot and visit friends in Palm Springs and Arizona. We have been to Mexico a couple times and took a pretty extensive trip through the Caribbean plus train trips across Canada and treks up and down the Eastern seaboard.

What else should we know about you?

I was born and raised in the Seattle/Kirkland, Washington area. My parents, Barbara and Robert McBride, encouraged me and my five brothers, John, Chris, Gregg, Stephen and Matthew to volunteer and be active in our community from an early age. My husband of 23 years, Reinis, also came from an upbringing that encouraged his volunteering within the greater Puget Sound Latvian community.

2008 marks the 21st year I have presided as president of the Seattle Scottish Highland Games Association that sponsors the Pacific Northwest Scottish Highland Games and Clan Gathering. It is a huge undertaking that devours immense amounts of time. I head a team of more than 200 active volunteers who participate in year-round activities bringing together the annual Highland Games as well as a whole array of events. The work with the Scottish community has become practically a full-time job.

I was a princess for the Seattle Highland Games Association in 1974, was elected "Queen O' The Heather" in 1975 and represented the Scottish community throughout the state of Washington. From 1980 through 1988, I devoted immense amounts of time as a trustee to the Seattle Scottish Highland

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 11 - SSHGA meeting 7:30 pm, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 111 NE 80th, Seattle; 206-522-2541

Nov. 14 - Caledonian-St. Andrew's Society gathering; 7:30; Don Scobie, along with two young pipers, will present the history, parts and playing of the pipes.

Nov. 14-15 - Battlefield Band 7:30 pm; San Juan Community Theatre (Whittier Theatre 100 2nd St. Friday Harbor, San Juan Island, WA); \$27.00; www.sjctheatre.org/index.asp; www.battlefieldband.co.uk/

Nov 18 - Battlefield Band 8:00 pm; Traditions Cafe, 300 5th Avenue SW, Olympia, WA; \$20 and \$15; 360-705-2819; www.traditionsfairtrade.com; www.battlefieldband.co.uk/

Nov. 21 - Battlefield Band; Port Angeles High School Auditorium, 304 East Park Avenue, Port Angeles, WA; www.NWPerformingArts.com; 360-457-5411; www.jffa.org/index.shtml; www.battlefieldband.co.uk/

Nov. 22 – The Caledonian-St. Andrew's Society's St. Andrew's Musical Evening, to celebrate St. Andrew's Day, with special guests including the McKassons and Pipers Creek.

Nov. 23 – Kirkin' of the Tartan – this event has been postponed until January.

Nov. 28-29 - The Paperboys at The Triple Door, 216 Union Street, Seattle, WA; 206-838-4333; www.thetripledoor.net; www.paperboys.com;

Nov. 29 - Clumsy Lovers 9:00 pm; The Tractor Tavern; 5213 Ballard Ave NW, Seattle, WA ; 206-789-3599; \$10.00 adv/\$12.00 at the door; www.tractortavern.com; www.clumsylovers.com

Nov. 30 - Magical Strings 30th Annual Celtic Yuletide Concert; 3:00 pm; Shorecrest Performing Arts Center, 15343 25th Ave N.E., Shoreline WA; 206-417-4645; \$20/\$18/\$15; www.shorelinearts.net; www.magicalstrings.com

Dec. 6 - Enumclaw Christmas Parade with the SSHGA; line up 5:00 pm; Parade 6 pm, Railroad and Washington, Enumclaw, WA; Info: (206) 522-2541

Dec. 12 – Caledonian-St. Andrew's Society gathering; 7:30; entertainment is "Christmas in Scotland". Our elementary teacher from Edinburgh, Heather Ingliss will be sharing on Scottish traditions in music, art and stories

Dec. 9 - SSHGA December Meeting; 7:30 pm; St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Fellowship Hall, 111 NE 80th Seattle, WA; Info (206) 522-2541

Dec. 11 - Natalie MacMaster—Christmas In Cape Breton; 7:30 pm; Mount Baker Theatre, 104 North Commercial Street, Bellingham, WA; \$42/\$34/\$20; www.mountainbaketheatre.com; www.nataliemacmaster.com

Dec. 14 - Celtic Christmas Festivities sponsored by the Celtic Society of South Puget Sound; at the Exposi-

tion Hall, Thurston County Fairgrounds, Lacey WA; 9:30-5:30 Piping, Celtic dancing, Gaelic fiddle music, etc. By donation. Contact: Josh Amos 360-570-0075 or Jim Macduff 360-352-1096.

Dec. 15 - Magical Strings 30th Annual Celtic Yuletide Concert; 7:00 pm; The Theater At Meydenbauer; 11100 N.E. 6th Street, Bellevue, WA; 425-450-3810; www.meydenbauer.com/theatre/; www.magicalstrings.com

Dec. 19 - Magical Strings 30th Annual Celtic Yuletide Concert; 7:30 pm; Urban Grace Church, 902 Market Street, Tacoma, WA; www.brownpapertickets.com/event/43664; www.magicalstrings.com

Dec. 20 - Magical Strings 30th Annual Celtic Yuletide Concert; 3:00 pm; University Christian Church 4731—15th Ave N.E., Seattle, WA; www.brownpapertickets.com/event/43667; www.magicalstrings.com

Dec. 21 - Magical Strings 30th Annual Celtic Yuletide Concert; 3:00 pm; The Lincoln Theatre, 712 First Street, Mt. Vernon, WA; 360-336-8955; www.lincolntheatre.org/; www.magicalstrings.com

Jan. 9 - Caledonian-St. Andrew's Society gathering; 7:30; entertainment is fellow member Tom Laurenson presenting on Robert Burns; music and poetry to commemorate the 250th anniversary of Burns' birth

Feb. 13 - Caledonian-St. Andrew's Society gathering; 7:30; "Wales: Land of Singing." The Welsh Singers join us leading up to St. David's Day and share in song and story of this part of our Celtic heritage.

March 13 - Caledonian-St. Andrew's Society gathering; 7:30; Irish Step Dancers from Tara Academy performing reels, jigs and hornpipes in the Irish Tradition directed by Sarah Williams.

April 10 - Caledonian-St. Andrew's Society gathering; 7:30; potential entertainment - Celtic harpists

May 8 - Caledonian-St. Andrew's Society gathering; 7:30; potential entertainment - Cape Breton fiddler

June 12 – Caledonian-St. Andrew's Society gathering; 7:30; Scottish musical night

CONGRATULATIONS

to Our Chaplain on a Double 50th Anniversary: Marriage and Ordination to the Presbyterian Ministry - Rev. Bob Nicholson, and his wife Betty, just celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary and the 50th anniversary of Bob's ordination to the Presbyterian ministry. They have put their home of 25 years on the market as they plan a move to the newly constructed Mirabella, a continuing care retirement community in South Lake Union. Our CandSAS Board recently enjoyed a dinner at the Nicholson home.

SCOTTISH NEWS

Scotland's newest golf course - Scotland's newest golf course, Fair Isle, is 25 miles south of Shetland. It now has its own six-hole links, built by a New Yorker who has swapped life in the United States for Scotland. Fair Isle, with a population of 70, had a rudimentary course in the 1960s which used old pudding tins for holes and broomsticks for flags.

It was originally laid out close to the island's South Lighthouse so that keepers from the lighthouses at both tips of the island could get together and pursue their passion for the game. But when the lighthouses were de-manned in the early 1970s, it became overgrown and forgotten. The American left a comfortable middle-class lifestyle in Saratoga Springs in upstate New York for a new beginning. He arrived two years ago with his wife and son after they won an international competition run by the National Trust for Scotland, to find a family willing to take over the former laird's hall on the island.

Fair Isle hosts some of the country's most environmentally important landscapes and the course construction had to take account of environmental sensitivities. The course has now been fully restored with proper tees, modern flagsticks and some challenging shots.

The island, bought by the National Trust for Scotland in 1954, is a community of just over 70 residents, 5km long and 3km wide, and a two-and-a-half-hour ferry journey from the nearest landfall. It

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Games Association. In 1988 I was elected president and have served as such since that time. I also have an active ethnic music background. I was a member and a piper in the Clan McIntyre Ladies Pipe Band in 1974 and 1975. In the early 1990's, I was a member and drummer in the City of Seattle Pipe Band. They traveled around the Pacific Northwest and won numerous awards for their excellent performances. I am a serious student of Scottish Highland music and have helped to share my understanding of our ethnic background with virtually hundreds of school children in the Pacific Northwest.

In 1989, my husband and I and the entire McBride family were honored as "Scotsman of the Year" by the Olympia Highlanders Pipe Band in South Puget Sound. I was awarded the 1995 Washington State Pluralism Council Award by US West Communications for diversity/pluralism through my heritage and my work with the SSHGA. In 2001 I was selected as the recipient of the Aspasia Phoutrides Pulakis Memorial Award by the Ethnic Heritage Council Board of Directors. This award is given annually to

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has no pub, hotel or restaurant. There is one primary school and a shop. Fair Isle is also home to one of the most important bird observatories in Britain, where one can see a wide variety of seabirds, ranging from puffins and Arctic terns to razorbills and a host of migrating species. A unique species, the Fair Isle Wren, also inhabits the cliffs on the island. As well as its wide-ranging bird life, Fair Isle is also home to more than 250 species of flowering plants, including the rare frog orchid.

Half of Scots cod catches being thrown back into sea - Scottish fishermen are being forced to dump almost half their catches of cod at sea because of the apparent abundance of the once-fragile stock. If the trend continues until the end of the year, a staggering total of 12,000 tons of marketable cod, with a potential value of £25 million, will have been discarded by the fleet. Marine scientists at the government's Fisheries Research Service in Aberdeen have told skippers that a survey, carried out between January and June, has shown that 40 per cent of landings of cod by weight have to be discarded to prevent the fleet breaching tight quota restrictions.

The National Museums of Scotland - The Museums have suffered just one theft in three years - a pair of stuffed squirrels. Curators revealed that out of the four million items held in their displays, only the pair of stuffed animals were unaccounted for and presumed stolen from the Royal Museum of Scotland.

President Bill McFadden and Shelley Butchart. Mrs. Sarah White from Ayrshire, Scotland, sent the Caledonians the tea towel (pictured) and a book of Robert Burns' works as a token of friendship. She had learned about the Caledonian Society from our web site. Mrs. White reads the Heatherbell online and may join us in the future when she's in the area visiting with her son. We welcome her friendship and look forward to meeting her and her husband when they're next in Seattle. And many thanks to Shelley, our webmistress. She does a wonderful job maintaining the web site for us.



FOCUS ON THE SCOTTISH TERRIER

The Scottish Terrier, also known as the Aberdeen Terrier), popularly called the Scottie, is a breed of dog best known for its distinctive profile, black color, and typical terrier personality.

The Scottish Terrier is one of five breeds of terrier that originated in Scotland. The other four are the Skye, Cairn, Dandie Dinmont, and West Highland White Terrier. Its nickname is “little diehard,” given to it in the 19th century by George, the fourth Earl of Dumbarton. The Earl had a famous pack of Scottish Terriers, so brave that they were named “Diehards.” They were supposed to have inspired the name of his Regiment, The Royal Scots, “Dumbarton’s Diehards.”

Scotties are alert, quick and feisty, independent and self-assured, playful, and intelligent. Although black is the most traditional color for a Scottie, there are also wheaten and brindle Scotties.

The Scottish Terrier makes a good watchdog due to its tendency to bark only when necessary and because it is typically reserved with strangers. It is a fearless breed that may be aggressive around other dogs unless introduced to them at an early age.

Scottish Terriers were originally bred to hunt and fight badgers. Therefore, the Scottie likes to dig as well as chase small vermin, such as squirrels, rats, mice and foxes. Scotties are natural “diggers,” like other terriers, whose name derives from the same root as “terre,” French for “earth.” They were bred with strong tails so that their owners could pull them out of holes when they would dig after vermin and voles.

The Scottie is often thought to be the oldest of the Highland terriers. Scotties and West Highland White Terriers are closely related — both their forefathers originating from the Blackmount region of Perthshire and the Moor of Rannoch.

The first written records about a dog of similar description to the Scottish Terrier dates from 1436, when Don Leslie described them in his book “The History of Scotland 1436-1561”. Two hundred years later, Sir Joshua Reynolds painted a portrait of a young girl caressing a dog remarkably similar to a Scottie. King James VI of Scotland was an important historical figure featuring in the Scottish Terrier’s history. In the 17th century, when King James VI became James I of England, he sent six terriers — thought to be forerunners of the Scottish terrier — to a French monarch as a gift. His love and adoration for the breed increased their popularity throughout the world.

Many dog writers from the early 1800s on seem to agree that there were two varieties of terrier existing in Britain at the time — a rough haired Scotch Ter-

rier and a smooth haired English Terrier. In 1881 the “Scottish Terrier Club of England” was founded, being the first club dedicated to the breed. Scotties were introduced to America in the early 1890’s.

Famous Scotties and Famous Scottie Owners: The Scottie is the only breed of dog that has lived in the White House three times. President George W. Bush owns two Scotties, Barney and Miss Beazley. President Franklin D. Roosevelt was renowned for owning a Scottie named Fala. The President loved Fala so much that he rarely went anywhere without him.

Roosevelt had several Scotties before Fala, including one named Duffy and another named Mr. Duffy. Other famous people who are known to have owned Scotties include: Humphrey Bogart, Bette Davis, Julie Andrews, Liza Minnelli, E.B. White, Queen Victoria, Ronald Reagan, Theodore Roosevelt, Dorothy Lamour, Eva Braun, Shirley Temple, Tatum O’Neal. And, of course, our own Bonnie Munro and Frances Crews and Gary Cosgro, who own Scotties. A famous fictional Scottie is Jock from the Disney feature film Lady and the Tramp, where he acted as the retired captain with



a Scottish tartan overcoat. In 1955, when the movie was originally released, Jock became one of the most popular dog names of the time.

In May 2007, Carnegie Mellon University named the Scottish Terrier its official mascot. The Scottie had been a long-running unofficial mascot of the university, whose founder’s Scottish heritage is also honored by the official athletic nickname of “Tartans.” During the opening of the May, 2007, Carnegie Mellon commencement ceremony, keynote speaker Bill Cosby led the university’s new mascot, named Scottie, to the speaker’s platform.

THANKS We want to thank KBCS 91.3 FM Community Radio, for supporting our Scottish Musical Evening on Nov. 22. They have been kind enough to promote our events by announcing them on the air and listing our society in their pocket guide and in their listener RadioActivity guide. If you aren’t familiar with this wonderful station, I suggest you tune in. They play a lot of world music and on Sunday afternoons, from 3:00-6:00 is Sunday’s Hornpipe. This show features music from the British Isles with a lot of Scottish and Irish music in particular. You can check their offerings (link to programming) at: kbc.fm/site/PageServer?pagename=homepage2. (KBCS is listener-supported station and is always grateful for donations.)



Annette Mentzer's tam sales to benefit our scholarship fund is going strong. Quite a few members have purchased tams, 100% of the proceeds to go into the Caledonian's scholarship fund. She will bring tams to the November meeting. If you haven't purchased one yet, you might consider getting one for yourself or as a gift.

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an individual or individuals who have contributed significantly to a Northwest ethnic community. In 2002 I was honored as the Chieftain of the Tacoma Highland Games.

In addition to the Seattle Scottish Highland Games Association, I have been instrumental in helping and sharing information with other communities and games managers as they embark on sponsoring their own Scottish activities.

I enjoy volunteering for the Woodland Park Zoo Jungle Party, Pilchuck and Pratt Art Schools, horse-back riding, playing the piano and accordion, and tending my garden.

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Gatherings:

When - Second Friday of each month except July, August and September.

Where - Lake City Presbyterian Church
3841 N.E. 123rd St. Seattle WA.

Directions - From Lake City Way proceed east on 123rd to 40th. Park in the Church parking lot.

Time - Set-up at 6.30 p.m.
Social Hour at 7:00 p.m.
Business meeting at 7:30 p.m.
Entertainment and raffle at 8:00 p.m.

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